GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5107
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ADITYA SOLAR SHOPS
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open special sales outlets under the name `Aditya Solar Shops` in major cities to make renewable energy devices easily available;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to open such shops in the major cities of Maharashtra especially in Marathwada Region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has been promoting the establishment of Aditya solar shops (showroom-cum-sales and service centres) in major cities of the country since 1995-96. These shops are expected to carry out the following functions:-

(i) Sales of different renewable energy and energy efficient devices;

(ii) Servicing and repair of these devices;

(iii) Dissemination of information on various renewable energy devices and systems.

The shops can be established by the state renewable energy agencies, manufacturers` associations or reputed NGOs in easily accessible parts of the cities and are expected to be run on normal business lines. Details of the financial support provided by the Government for establishment of these shops are given in the Annexure. So far 21 Aditya Solar Shops have been established in various parts of the country.

(c): The scheme on Aditya Solar Shop has been circulated to all States including Maharashtra for formulating proposals as per the guidelines of the Government of India. After examining the proposals received from Maharashtra, one shop was sanctioned for Aurangabad during 1999-2000. The shop is nearing completion.
Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a)&(b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5107 for 27.4.2000 regarding Aditya Solar Shops.

Details of the financial support provided by the Government for establishment of Aditya Solar Shops

A. Non-Recurring Grant:
The quantum of financial assistance which is provided by the Ministry as non-recurring grant for setting up a solar shop may be up to:

(i) Rs. 5 lakhs - for construction/purchase and furnishing of the building and providing infrastructural facilities in case it is to be constructed/acquired mainly by government organizations on government land.

(ii) Rs. 3 lakhs for renovation/alteration of the building, its furnishing and provision of infrastructural facilities in case the shop is established in an already constructed building.

(iii) Rs. 3 lakh including rent for one year, in case the showroom is established in rented premises.

B. Recurring Grant:

In addition to the above one time grant, a recurring grant of Rs. 50,000 per year for the first two years is also provided to each solar shop. This grant may be given for a third year also if the shop is in a rented premises and is being run well.

C. Publicity Support:

The Government directly releases advertisements regarding the establishment and operation of various Aditya solar shops. In addition, a publicity grant up to Rs. 1.0 lakh per year is provided to those solar shops whose performance is considered satisfactory. A separate grant may be provided for publicity connected with the opening of a shop.